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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

January 11, 2005

"Now More Than Ever"

Dougies saying for the week: Truth has no special time of its own. Its hour is now – always. Albert Schweitzer

Guests: Sara Schmall – Joe, Inga Peterson – Don Grimm, and Byron Tabor

Birthdays: David Gosch - January 14

John Locher - January 17

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: Dan Breitbach gave a pitch on the Farmers Breakfast which is set for April 22. Lots of work to do and tickets to sell. Get in the mood now.

Happy Bucks: Jim Platt was happy but I can't read my notes as to why, Paul Anderson was happy because his son landed a gig in nearby Kansas City, Joe Nolte was elated because of last weeks attendance, Dr. Manville because Pan Cake Dan is back in the saddle, Dr. Graeff tossed one in for the Big 12 dominance of NCAA D1 football, Dr. McCarville thought it was great that Sara Schmall got her looks from her mothers gene pool and Joe put one in for the same reason. Chuck Wehage actually fined himself for a late news letter.

Next week's program:

Program Overview: John Tursi was the speaker. The Boys and Girls club of Cedar Rapids has expanded to both sides of Cedar Rapids. Two very different types of personalities exist and they require a different approach to each side. One of the reasons is that there is a lot of migration from the Chicago area to the east side of Cedar Rapids. This migration has brought with it a gang mentality that causes staff members to work harder towards keeping the kids interested in more wholesome activities. Recruiters for the gangs offer new shoes for example in order to lure prospects into their life style. That is a real hurdle.

At this point in time, it appears that the B & G clubs are winning but this could be something that our club needs to look into as far as getting our hands involved.

Word for the day: hypernym n. A word of general meaning applicable to more specific, related words; a superordinate (e.g. insect is a hypernym of bee and wasp). Golly, Don, my spell check doesn't recognize two of your words. No wonder we below average brains couldn't get it.

Scribe John Anderson.

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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

February 1, 2006

"Now More Than Ever"

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Dix. 33 members were present.

Guests: None

Birthday: Eldon Hans, February 6

Anniversaries: Jim Platt, 2/3/2004, and John Anderson, 2/7/1989

Announcements: Member Bob Gable passed away; the funeral is Feb. 1. Sister Charmaine updated the banner, adding 11 new patches, including a new blue ribbon. The Kiwanis Foundation received a new computer from REACT. Sister Charmaine is updating the membership list. The quote for the week was from Thomas Watson: "Don't worry about profits; worry about service."

Happy Bucks: Jim Manville, Ron Sundermann, Chuck Wehage, and Fran Brown contributed in memory of Bob Gable. Jim Platt and Jim Doyne were happy there is a radio show to listen to instead of the super bowl. Jon Waggoner was happy about the support from the club after his illness and loss. John Anderson was happy about a \$1 million donation to the Kiwanis Foundation.

Next week's program: Tim Boyle, from the Cedar Rapids Convention and Visitors Bureau

Speaker: was Dr. Donna Felt, of Powercomm, who discussed "powerful communications". Dr. Felt emphasized the power of communications, because it allows people to change their own experience of the world. She emphasized that to be a powerful communicator, you need to have Verbal, Vocal, and Visual power. She also told us that the average attention span is 9 seconds, and that most people only remember 10% of a presentation after a week. And she told us to "Never, ever, speak after a lunch."

Word for the day: "Orrery"

Submitted by Keith Sutherland



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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

February 7th, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 23 Members in attendance.

Guests: None

Birthdays: Dan Thies Feb. 10

Anniversaries: John Anderson Feb. 1989 (or is that 1889?)

Announcements: 1. Janet Blackledge announced the upcoming dinner with the IA-NE District Governor, Dave Hesselmann, on Wednesday, March 14. It will be held at the Clark Alumni House on the Coe College campus. Social hour begins at 6:00, dinner at 6:30 followed by the Governor. Cost is \$20 per person, spouses are welcome. Janet must give a guaranteed count so if you sign up, you need to attend as you will be responsible for the \$20.

2. The regular Wednesday luncheon meeting that day, March 14, is cancelled and the dinner with the Governor taking its place. There will be a round table meeting at noon instead.

3. Pancake Henry had tickets, corporate call sheets in hand and asked that all attending pick them up immediately after the meeting. He also passed around a worker sign up sheet.

Happy Bucks: I apologize as I was briefly day dreaming during Happy Bucks and forgot to jot down what everyone was happy about, but here's what I remember: Wehage happy about sunshine; Graeff sympathized with the Cyclones after getting pummeled by Mizzou; Grimm – 2 week trip starts tomorrow; Schweitzer had his last will and testamentary statement misunderstood and lost his beer; Thorpe heading southwest for 6 weeks; Carlson celebrating Nebraska over Bobby Knight's team – a first; Rhodes was happy about something but I didn't catch it; and Breitbach was happy the Mizzou basketball team's GPA was a positive integer.

Next week's program: Beer-tasting party next week. No, actually the speaker is a brewer and will be discussing the finer points of making beer. Kelly Moore volunteered to be the guinea pig taster and taster and taster.

Speaker: Kelly introduced Jack Roeder, the GM of the CR Kernels Class A baseball team. Jack gave a great talk. He started as GM in 1991. The big news: the Kernels will be sporting a new logo and uniforms. Jack brought samples: home will be white, road – grey, and batting practice navy blue mesh. The logo is the first major change since the Kernel logo began in 1993. Sales over the holidays hit \$11,000+, up from the average of \$3500-4000 during this timeframe. He is hoping the Kernels logo will get selected as one of the top 30 minor league logos as then it will get marketed to little league teams across the country, a potentially big boost to sales. Along with the new logo, the club has 38-39 elementary school nights in April/May and is planning a coloring contest and "Name the mascot" contest. However, he did assure us that Mr. Shucks would not be shucked. Rather, they are looking for a partner.

Their annual "Hot stove banquet" fundraiser raised over \$10,000 for charity. According to Jack, the organization will reach \$1 million in cumulative fundraising dollars this year.

Ryne Sandberg, former Cub great, is the manager of the Peoria Chiefs. The Kernels have 12 games against them

this season, nine of which are in CR. He expects large crowds for those games.

The Corridor Journal voted the Kernels the "Best place to entertain" this past year, ahead of the Hawkeye football games.

In terms of attendance, the club will surpass the 1,000,000 mark sometime this summer, having averaged 183,000 the past 5 years. He also mentioned that 84 events were held last year that didn't involve a Kernels game. Over 750,000 people came to some event or used facilities at the sports complex this past year, which includes the stadium, the ice arena, Kingston stadium and the tennis center.

All in all, it was a very interesting talk. Thanks, Jack

Word for the day: Don was pressed for time and had practically run out of handy words, so he pulled one off the internet. Unfortunately for Don's pocketbook, Kevin Carlson was in attendance and had just been on the internet. The word? ducal. Kevin got it right. Definition: of, pertaining to, or characteristic of a duke or dukedom

Submitted: Dan Breitbach

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

2/14: Tom Janusz, The Art of beermaking

2/21: Kelli Malone, Four Oaks

KIWANIS SPEAKER COORDINATORS:

February: Kelly Moore

March: Kelly Allen

April: Joe Schmall

May: Paul Anderson

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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

February 15, 2006

"Now More Than Ever"

Scribe Report 30 Members in attendance

Guests: Deb Fisher (John Schweitzer); Em Schultz (Mel Rhodes)

Birthdays: Anniversaries: None this week

Announcements: John Schweitzer announced that he is retired, and that guest Deb Fisher took his place; Doug Dix reported that donations were received from Linda Kaas in memory of Bob Gable, and from Al Gravelle in memory of Ed Colton; March 25 is the Mid-Year Conference in Council Bluffs; Kiwanis International Foundation is again holding the "Skip-A-Meal" fund raising campaign to support the Kiwanis Children's Fund; Kelly Allen reported on the first meeting of the Float Committee, shooting for a mobile display for St. Patrick's Day; John Locher is looking for a helper for the reading program that he chairs; Dan Breitbach is assembling the teams for the pancake ticket sales competition – more on this next week; Jeff Hollingsworth invites all to meet at Xavier at 7:30 on Wednesday, February 22 for an Interclub with the Key Club there; several members reported that Dr. Jim Manville is doing fairly well after surgery, but expects to be in the hospital for a while.

Happy Bucks: Paul Anderson added to the above noted donations in memory of Ed Colton; Mel Rhodes just bought a condo; Jack Anderson received a confirmation of support for the Pancake Breakfast from Quaker Oats via cell phone while lounging on the beach in Puerto Rico; Kelly Allen was happy to have been a part of a surprise birthday party for Dan Breitbach; the latter Dubuquer was rendered speechless, so donated a happy buck; Duane Kurrelmeyer was happy for the victory over Michigan State by the Hawks last night; John Schweitzer cast in a dollar, perhaps as a fine for telling the same lame joke two weeks in a row; Joe Schmall threw one in in anticipation of the start of Spring Training in a couple of weeks (Dave Graeff saved a buck by burying the same thought in his Invocation); Bob Dye was happy that his benefit event for Christian youth sold out.

Program: Lonna Drewelow introduced Dr. James McKean, who has written a book of essays relating to his experiences as a major college basketball player, his relationship to Coach Jud Heathcote, and some sports related family events. Among the latter was researching his aunt's participation (winning a bronze medal) in the swimming competition of the 1936 Games in Berlin, and teaching his daughter how to shoot a jump shot.

Jim played center for Washington State University, and then some pro ball in Bologna on a team owned by a washing machine company. He showed a film of him in a 1967 game with UCLA in which he was matched up against Lew Alcindor. WSU got beat, but made a game of it.

Word for the Day: Nonplus, n., a state in which no more can be said or done; inability to proceed in speech or action; a stated of perplexity or puzzle. Almost always in phr. to be at (rarely in) a nonplus = to be nonplussed.

Submitted by Chuck Wehage

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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

February 22, 2006

"Now More Than Ever"

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Charles Wehage. 28 members were present.

Guests: Dianne Young, guest of the speaker

Birthday: none

Anniversaries: none

Announcements: Member Dr. James Manville is in intensive care and will undergo emergency surgery today. The kickoff for ticket sales for the pancake breakfast will be at next week's meeting.

Happy Bucks: Mel Rhodes, Chuck Wehage, and Bill Windus were happy it is National Engineers Week. Ron Sundermann appeared to be happy that pride goeth before the fall (surgery). John Anderson paid the fines he assessed against other people. Jim Doyne appeared to be happy that computers don't work. Joe Schmall was happy that Arby's is again sponsoring the pancake-breakfast tickets. Dan Breitbach was happy about ice sculptures, and Don Grimm was happy that Chuck Wehage and he met in 1957.

Next week's program: was not announced

Speaker: was David Drewelow of Action International, who presented some of the materials he uses when Business Coaching. He emphasized the "decision line", which illustrates that Ownership, Accountability, and Responsibility will support a Victor Mentality, while Blame, Excuses, and Denial result in a Victim Mentality. Key points of his talk were that (1) The only failure is the failure to participate. (2) To get the most out of your learning, replace "I know" with "Isn't that interesting?" (3) Learning is improved when you are willing to have some fun!

Word for the day: Chiliad -- a group of 1000 things or a period of 1000 years.

Submitted by Keith Sutherland

Next Scribe: Janet Blackledge Scribe in 2 weeks: Chuck Wehage

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NEWSLETTER

Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

March 1, 2006

"Now More Than Ever"

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Dix. 24 members were present.

Guests: Peter Eyvindson, our speaker for the day

Birthday: none

Anniversaries: none

Announcements: Today was the kickoff for the pancake breakfast. Don Grim introduced Pancake Henry Danilow. His introduction was:

"It is my distinct pleasure to introduce you to a man who really needs a life ... I mean... no introduction? A man who brings new meaning to 'feng shui' attire. A man whose life's calling is still calling. A man who, by any other name, would still be just a man. Here to perform a few of his most memorable hit flapjack tunes, the incomparable, the incompetent, the inept, the indescribably melodic, Pancake Henry Danilow. Rumor has it that Mr. Danilow is the great, great, great grand pappy to Mr. Long Beak himself, Barry Manilow."

Mr. Danilow then entertained (?) us with some of his most popular pancake hits. You have all truly missed the meeting of the year. Personally, I would like to know the name of his hairdresser. Captains and ticket sale expectations will be announced soon.

Happy Bucks: David Graeff, Dan Breitbach, John Anderson, Don Grimm and Sister Charmaine.

Next week's program: 3/08/06 - Margaret Fitzgerald, liaison between Cedar Rapids Community School District and the Cedar Rapids homeless population.

3/17/06 - Karla Stewart from
Systems Unlimited

3/22/06 - the Honorable Kay
Halloran, Mayor, Cedar Rapids

Speaker: Peter Eyvindson presented a delightful program from the Wings of Hope in Haiti. Wings of Hope is a facility for disabled kids in Haiti and is significant in that it is kids caring for kids. Peter brought with him Suni, a disabled young man who has spent most of his life in this facility but who is now one of the kids who is helping others. Suni contracted a disease that killed his father and left Suni with some of the same symptoms of cerebral palsy. His mother thought he was possessed with demons and abandoned him. While most thought he would never learn to walk, talk or play, he learned all of these skills with the help of members of Wings of Hope. Suni performed a dance for the club to demonstrate what Wings of Hope can do.

Word for the day: Motility - The capability or power of moving (as a quality of organisms).

Next Scribe: 3/08/06 - Chuck Wehage

3/15/06 - David Graeff

Submitted Janet Blackledge

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March 8, 2006

"Now More Than Ever"



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The meeting was called to order by President Doug Dix. 28
Members in attendance.

Guests: Deb Fisher (John Schweitzer, who claims Deb intends
to apply for membership)

Sage Saying: "Do it right the first time and do it very right the
second time" - Anonymous

Birthday: None this week or last

Anniversaries: 3/1 – Kelly Allen (05); 3/2 – Kelly Moore (93);
3/3 – Dan Thies (87); 3/6 – Glen Fox (01)

Announcements: Joe Nolte invites all to join the Float
Committee to decorate our entry in the Saint Patrick's Day
Parade – Thursday, March 16, 6:00 at All Seasons Equipment; Al
Gravelie reports that Jim Manville is not doing well. Our best
wishes and prayers for a rapid recovery go out to him; Dan
Breitbach announced a big push for pancake ticket sales,
especially to corporate customers.

Happy Bucks: Rod Thorpe claimed to be happy to be back

from snow birding in Arizona; Dan Breitbach had three bucks worth for only one dollar; Don Grimm had one for the Collins guys asea on their quest for Amelia Earhart's airplane, and one in memory of his bridge partner's mother, recently deceased; John Waggoner troubles mount, now with shingles.

Next week's program: 3/22/06 - the Honorable Kay Halloran, Mayor, Cedar Rapids

Speaker: Margaret Fitzgerald, the liaison officer for homeless families in the Cedar Rapids school district explained the history of the job and laid out some of the principal duties. The position exists as regulatory requirement starting in 1978, and Cedar Rapids has had a liaison for the past nine years. The main thing is to make sure that all children have access to an education. The process is discreet, with few knowing the homeless status of the 600 kids K-12 and 28 preschoolers in town. If the kids become homeless after being established at a school in the system, they are almost always kept at that same school regardless of the location of the alternate housing. This leads to aggressive transportation problem solving. For new arrivals to town, the liaison officer often must kick down doors to effect prompt school placement despite absence of school records, immunization records, birth certificates, etc. The liaison office provides school supplies, arranges for school meals and whatever else contributes to a stable home base for children.

Word for the day: cosset, n. 1. A lamb (colt, etc.) brought up by hand; a pet lamb, coddle-lamb. 2. Applied to persons, etc.: a petted, spoiled child

Submitted Chuck Wehage

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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

March 29, 2006



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The meeting was called to order by President Doug Dix. 32
Members in attendance.

Guests: None

Sage Saying: None

Birthdays: Vernon Squires, Kelly Moore, March 27

Anniversaries: None in the past two weeks

Announcements: Board Meeting Tuesday April 4; Jane Boyd Golf Tournament – July 13 – the club may sponsor a hole in the benefit event, and perhaps a foursome can play; also, Joe Nolte announced a similar event in June to benefit the African American Museum.

Happy Bucks: Kelly Allen was pleased with the way the float turned out and the good experience on St. Patrick's Day; John Anderson appreciated the plugs by Jim Doyne on his show – it should help attendance at our pancake breakfast; John also noted the recognition by St. Lukes of our own Al Gravelie; and finally, John mentioned the Marion Metro Club. Doug Dix thanked Al Gravelie for his donation to the Kiwanis Foundation in memory of Jim Manville; John Schweitzer announced a musical event at

the Shriners at 2:00 on Palm Sunday; Don Grimm and one other joined in on this because the choir from St. Mark's Lutheran Church will participate in the same show; Boardmans' are back from snowbirding for two months in the South, and glad that their "son" didn't trash the place while they were gone..

Next week's program: NEXT MEETING IS AT THE COMMUNITY HEALTH FREE CLINIC. Pizza for lunch at noon at the adjoining Jane Boyd Community House. More by email later.

Speaker: Mayor Halloran spoke about the challenges and discoveries made since the new form of government was launched in Cedar Rapids. She thanked Kiwanis and all other service clubs, saying that they are a vital force in the community.

The new city council members are all new to city government, though two have served in the legislature in Des Moines. She hopes the public will cut the council some slack as they adjust to the new job, and that the public will provide plenty of feedback. In addition to addressing service clubs, she noted that there will be numerous neighborhood meetings throughout the city to collect input.

The new council has found city hall to be an active rumor mill, and this is one of the first issues to be fixed. Major early decisions will be made on the City Manager, the location of the compost facility, alternatives to the Cedar Bend project and, of course, the budgets.

Word for the day: Docent, a. person that teaches or instructs; teaching

Submitted: C. Wehage

Next Scribe: Bill Windus

Scribe in 2 weeks: Dan Breitbach

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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

April 5, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Dix. 30
Members in attendance.

Guests: Nancy Carlson and Carol Wehage

Birthdays: Jim Platt and Dick Boardman

Anniversaries: Janet Blackledge

Announcements: Jim Platt suggested that Catheryn Mannville could use a contact from the club to help brighten her spirits. Dan Breitbach provided the status of the breakfast ticket sold so far. He also donned a hat garnished in strings of pearls and made some statements about the value of it to the effect that it may have been the headdress of an ancient tribal leader. Dan encouraged us to get those tickets sold

Happy Bucks: There were several, but your scribe was not quick enough to catch names, etc. Rest assured the Kiwanis Club treasurer snapped up the bucks!

Next week's program:

Speaker: The Community Health Free Clinic in Cedar Rapids presented by Darlene Schmidt, CEO, and Linda Kaas, her



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assistant. Our club was taken on a tour through the facility. The mission of the Free Clinic is "To provide medical and dental care to the uninsured and under-served of East Central Iowa through model community partnerships. The clinic's examination rooms, pharmacy, labs, offices, structure is a \$1.4 million gift from the Hall-Perrine Foundation. There are 27,000 people in Linn County without health insurance and earn less than \$25,000 per year. There are presently 61 medical and dental staffers who are volunteers. Only two of the staff are paid. Manufacturers and local drugstores donate medical and pharmaceutical supplies.

Word for the day: Bloviate. Rod Thorpe gave a suitable definition "right off the bat!". Don had a half page of meanings and usages - typical is "write over-expansively or with undue grandiosity".

Submitted Bill Windus

Next weeks scribe - Dan Breitbach

Upcoming Programs:

Wednesday, May 3: Dr. David Markward, Superintendent, Cedar Rapids Community Schools

Wednesday, May 10: Dr. Ron Fielder, Chief Administrator, Grantwood Area Education Agency

Wednesday, May 17: Dr. Mick Starcevich, President, Kirkwood Community College

Wednesday, May 24: Sol Mohamed, Democratic Candidate for Iowa Governor

Wednesday, May 31: Curtis Nelson, President, Entrepreneurial Center, Inc.

Program Coordinator for May: Kevin McCarville, (832-1965)

ALL SPEAKERS CONFIRMED AS OF 4-10-06



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April 11, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Dix.
34 Members in attendance.

Guests: Katy Hiatt Braasch (Kevin McCarville guest) &
Byron Taber joined the ever-so illustrious Table 4 (near
the back by Fran)

Birthdays: - A number of years ago (many) two fine lads
came into this world: Doug Dix and Tom Keating. A
beautiful rendition of "Happy Birthday" allowed Doug to
bask in his aging glory.

Anniversaries: - Duane Kurrelmeyer joined in 1974. Wow,
he should know all of the Kiwanis song book by heart. How
about a solo next week, Duane?

Announcements:

1 - Sister Charmaine passed out new member lists and
asked for corrections.

2 - Pancake Henry reported on ticket sales. Corporate
sales were strong with 634 sold or pledged to date. Total \$
sales were \$3038. We need a big push this last week.

3 - Chuck Wehage announced that the gate at last week's

Jane Boyd luncheon netted \$20. In a move that would make Honest Abe proud, he donated it to charity.

4 - Doug Dix announced that Catherine Manville had sent two checks for the Kiwanis Foundation in memory of Jim.

Happy Bucks: - Janet Blackledge had two: one for the new convertible she plans to let Dan Breitbach test drive SOON and the other for allowing another Kiwanian to be clumsy; Dick Boardman was right on when he figured the clumsy one was Ron; Ron Sunderman fessed up to the fact that the person he thought was having a heart attack at the Scottish Rite Temple was okay and that when he decided to sit down, his friends had removed his chair from behind him. Fortunately, Ron did not need his wife to drive him to the emergency room, a trip that would have had a better than 48% chance of causing either injury to Ron or the car; Mel Rhodes gave a buck for re-marrying at age 81; Jim Platt seconded that with a buck as did Dan Breitbach; John Waggoner was happy it only cost \$25,000 to build Bender Pool back when it was first built; Paul Anderson gave a buck but Dan Breitbach didn't write down what he said; Ray Vaughn was happy that today was the first week of Kiwanis golf at Twin Pines and they had one opening (Rod was buying the beer); Keith Sunderman just finished his taxes and was happy that he had to pay a fine for under-paying.

Next week's program: - Paul Anderson announced that next week, Paula, CR Postmaster will speak and in two weeks the director of ASAC Child Development Center will entertain us.

Speaker: - Paul introduced Jodie Bridgewater, program manager for ARC of East Central Iowa. Jodie is married and has two young kids. Her husband is a teacher/coach at North Linn.

She oversees the group and day care sites for ARC. The organization was founded in 1953 with the purpose of advancing the quality of life for families and children with disabilities. She talked about four services that the ARC provides:

1 -Respite care (the largest): allows the caregivers, i.e., parents, family member or friends, a break during the week to go on a date, take a nap, just get away from the daily grind of caring for someone with a disability.. ARC has a network of trained people to work with the disabled child during the break time.

2 - Summer day camp programs serve approx. 145 kids for 7 weeks in the summer at Kennedy HS.

3 - Day Care at two sites: Christ Episcopal Church and Regis Middle School.

4 - Supportive Community Living helps individuals and families be independent.

The ARC moved into its current building in March '05 which allowed it to combined all of its operation in one facility. It serves 8 counties but primarily Linn. The ARC receives some United Way funding, but most families receive federal funding.

Jodie gave an excellent presentation and followed it with a slide show while we were doing Happy Buck. Thanks, Jodie!

Word for the day: - The venerable Don Grimm provided us with "Euphonious". It was correctly defined by one or more of our members as "pleasing to the ear". It was also incorrectly defined by many more Kiwanians, i.e., those of the simple-minded persuasion. Not to name names, but I think those were at Tables 2 and 3.

Submitted - Dan Breitbach

KIWANIS SPEAKER COORDINATORS:

April 2006 - Paul Anderson

May 2006 - Kevin McCarville

June 2006 - Dave Graeff

July 2006 - Jack Anderson

August 2006 - Chuck Wehage

September 2006 - Dave Gosch

October 2006 - Joe Nolte
November 2006- Bob Cenek
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April 26th, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Doug
Dix. 31 Members in attendance.

[Guests:](#) - none

[Birthdays:](#) - none

[Anniversaries:](#) - May 1 - Kevin Carlson (2001). May 2
- Lonna Drewelow (1989), Ron Sunderman (2000),
Joe Nolte (2001), Don Grimm (2001)

[Announcements:](#) - No numbers yet on the money raised
at the pancake breakfast. July 12, 2006 is the
Nebraska-Iowa District Golf Outing in Ames. See
Doug Dix for details. Tuesday, May 2, 2006 - Board
meeting at Bradley & Riley. Paul Anderson was
contacted by the PTO of Truman School and they
need volunteers for working on a playground on Friday,
May 12. There will be a sign-up sheet at next week's
meeting.

[Happy Bucks:](#) - Dick Boardman - happy so many
people worked at the pancake breakfast. Don Grimm -
fine for not working at the pancake breakfast and one for
attending the North American Model Engineers

Conference. Duane Kurtelmeyer – Fine for not helping with the pancake breakfast. Bob Hatala (Esq) – Someone left a sterling silver spatula at the pancake breakfast.

Next week's program: - The superintendent of the Cedar Rapids School District.

Speaker: - Paul Anderson introduced Dr. Myrna Loehrlein from Heart of Iowa. Heart of Iowa (HOI) is a substance abuse treatment center in Cedar Rapids for woman who are pregnant or have children with them. They have many success stories and many challenges. They are in need of storage space and various other items for the children.

Word for the day: - None

Submitted - Kelly Allen.

Scribe Next Week - Kelly Allen, then Chuck Wehage

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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

May 3rd, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Dix.
34 Members in attendance.

Guests: Pam Gusick, Homewatch Caregivers

Birthdays: - Keith Sutherland, May 8th

Anniversaries: - May 3 - Michael Rott (05), May 5 - Al Gravelie (89), Gerry Kneeland (87), Bob Dye (03), May 6 - Chuck Wehage (03), May 7 - Ray Vaughn (58)

Announcements: - Doug Dix - We are still waiting for the final numbers on the pancake breakfast. We approved a stipend for Golden K. Dan - We will do something to recognize the Key Club students and Gayne Darrow who helped out at the breakfast. Also we want to recognize those who sold the most tickets - Joe Scmall - 475 and Kevin McCarville, Dan Breitbach, Jeff Hollingsworth and Kelly Moore all sold over 100 tickets each. Next year everyone needs to sell tickets to at least one business. This would increase our ticket sales significantly.

Happy Bucks: - Rod Thorpe - Sarah Case's new job at Mercy Hospice. Paul Anderson - A gift for the Kiwanis Foundation in memory of Dr. Manville. Chuck Wehage -

We have a new dog. Janet Blackledge – I have to have a root canal or a crown. Keith Sutherland – I have no dental problems. Don Grimm – I cut down a tree and it didn't hit anything. Dick Boardman – I'm happy Charlene made it to the board meeting.

Next week's program: - Dr. Ron Fielder of Grant Wood AEA.

Speaker: - Dr. David Marquardt is the superintendent of the Cedar Rapids School System. He gave an overview of the school system (second largest in Iowa) and reviewed the district's strategic plan. He also announced that Washington and Kennedy High Schools were recently named to the top 100 Best High Schools in the US. Improvements in the district include putting an e-procurement system in place and purchasing a geomapping system. In addition, the school district is looking for a testing mechanism that will assist teachers on a daily basis. The Iowa Basic Skills are helpful and give them some idea of where they are going but are not a lot of help on a day-to-day basis. It was a very interesting and enlightening talk.

Word for the day: - Don Grimm gave two words today since we skipped one last week. The first word is feral which means of a deadly nature; deadly, fatal or resembling a wild beast. The second word is ferial which means pertaining to the days of the week or to a weekday as distinguished from a festival.

Submitted: - Kelly Allen

Scribe Next Week: - Chuck Wehage

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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

May 10th, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Dix.
32 Members in attendance.

Guests: Katie Hiatt-Braasch (2nd visit, will apply to join.
K. McCarville, sponsor)

Birthdays: - Michael Rott - 5/15

Anniversaries: - Mary Corkery (00); Roger Hoffman (05);
David Graeff (85) & Joe Schmall (85)

Announcements: - Paul Anderson told about a project to
install playground equipment at Truman Elementary on
Friday, May 12 at 8:00. All are welcome. Saturday, May
13 is the rain date. Dan Breitbach and Kay Bloom plan a
pizza party for the Xavier Key Club on May 17 at 2:45 at
the school. Let Dan know if you are coming so adequate
pizza will be ordered. Dan also is working on a date for the
next Farmer's Breakfast. He's looking at March 10, 2007.
Paul Anderson is working on a possible tour of the CR
Post Office, a follow up to the Postmaster's talk to the club.

Special Award: Dan Breitbach accepted the Silver
Spatula (and Fork) award for Pancake Henry in
recognition for all the work in running another successful

breakfast event.

Happy Bucks: - Joe Nolte had a great time with the family at Disneyland; Ray Vaughn had sage words about his 48 years with the club; Don Grimm had one, but the scribe spaced it off; Janet Blackledge was very happy that the Governor's conference was over; Richard Boardman, in a fit of paternal empathy, was happy to see Dan B speechless. Dan B threw in a buck, since there was no way to leave Boardman's comment go unanswered.

Next week's program: -

Speaker: - Dr. Ron Fielder, Director of the Grant Wood Area Education Agency, described the role of the organization as a resource for all schools in the Area 10. An important aspect of their mission is helping schools cope with the requirements of "No Child Left Behind". The regional agency's most popular services are supplying educational materials and specialists throughout the seven county service area. The concept is one example of successful merging of agencies to achieve better efficiency. 70% of GWAEA's services are in the delivery of support for Special Education. GWAEA has a staff of 500, including 50 Speech Clinicians. There stiffest challenges is ever stingier governments which leads to rationing services.

Word for the day: - Zymurgy - the art or practice of fermentation, as in winemaking, brewing, distilling, etc.

Submitted - C. Wehage

Next Week's Scribe - John Locher

Week After - Kelly Allen

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The meeting was called to order by President Doug Dix.
34 Members in attendance.

Guests: Byron Taber

Birthdays: - None

Anniversaries: - none this week. Doug mentioned someone from last week but I was too busy eating to catch who the anniversarian was. I apologize as does the chicken marinara.

Announcements: - Byron made two announcements: 1) one of our pediatric trauma kits saved the life of a Solon Middle School girl in March who had collapsed on the playground; 2) the Boy Scout Camp Waubeek & Waconda is in need of a pediatric trauma kit and Byron asked our club to consider supporting it. Total cost is \$380.00

Paul Anderson announced that this Fri/Sat, May 26-27, are the work days set for the Truman Elementary School playground equipment. Work starts at 8:00 both days. All members are welcome.

Paul also reported that the US Post Office tour went very well.

Doug Dix announced that the Foundation Board approved seven (7) \$500 scholarships to be awarded as follows: two each to Xavier High School, Coe and Mt. Mercy, and one to Kirkwood.

Ron Sunderman announced that the concert chorale is doing a fundraiser at the Freedom Festival and anyone interested in helping them with volunteer hours should contact him.

Happy Bucks: - Joe Schmall paid a questionable fine for one daughter graduating from XHS who's photo was in the paper but didn't mention Kiwanis and a happy buck for his oldest daughter's graduation from Notre Dame; Doug Dix - one year ago yesterday that he started his own business and actually broke even; Don Grimm - granddaughter's graduation and huge bucks for grad school; Ron Sunderman - concert chorale something (Ron, I must apologize again for chomping on food and missing your happiness report); Janet Blackledge - has a less expensive-to-operate vehicle (2 wheel version); Deb Fisher - 2 week old grandchild; John Anderson - happy that no one in particular from the Club was involved in the criminal activity at the Wendy's by Coe College and McCabe Hall; Dick Boardman supported John's happiness; Dan Breitbach was happy that he was cleared of any wrongdoing that was reported by J. Anderson and supported by Dick Boardman; and Kevin Carlson, although not saying whether he was happy or not, implied very subtlety, that what J. Anderson reported which was supported by D. Boardman, might be an example of what can happen when "one spares the rod and spoils the child".

Next week's program: Curt Nelson, Entrepreneurial Center

Speaker: - Kevin McCarville introduced Sal Mohamed, candidate for governor in 2006. Sal is originally from Port-Saïd, Egypt, graduated from Cairo University, Egypt with a degree in chemical engineering; a masters degree in bioengineering from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland; and earned his professional engineering license in Illinois. He has been in the US since

1977 and became a naturalized citizen in 1982. He currently works for a pharmaceutical manufacturer and lives in Sioux City.

Sal is running for governor with a campaign focused on improving the per capita income for Iowa, which currently ranks 32nd among the states. His plan is to improve the quality of life in Iowa in a scientific, objective and systematic manner. He would create a management team of highly educated and talented people who would help establish scientific and measurable work plans to address the state's major issues rather than rely on politics.

When asked what his two biggest challenges were, he responded with a lack of media coverage and a small campaign budget.

Good luck, Sal!

Word for the day: -

Lo and behold, the honorable Don Grimm's word "fid" was solved by another boy scout, Chuck Wehage. Another dollar in the pot from Don.

Word: Fid: a colonial pin of hard wood, from 9 to 30 in. long, used to open the strands of a rope in splicing.

Last week's word since Don was missing: "fiat" : an authoritative pronouncement, decree, command, order. (Ron Sunderman at Table 2 guessed that one correctly).

Are we getting smarter or are we just good with the "f" words?

Submitted - Dan Breitbach

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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

May 31st, 2006

The meeting was called to order by First Vice President Chuck Wehage. 27 Members in attendance.

Guests: Bob McAvoy and soon-to-be member, Katie Hyatt Brasch

Birthdays: Not available

Anniversaries: Not available

Announcements: Sister Charmaine ~ represented the Club at Mt Mercy College's annual recognition event where we were recognized for 5 consecutive years of providing scholarships to students; she also paid a \$1 fine for forgetting the birthdays and anniversaries (as the scribe this week, I can only thank her for reducing my workload).

Pancake Henry gave a final report including a non-audited 3 year overview of the breakfast income-expenses. Several members wanted to commend Pancake for breathing life into such a normally drab report, but decided against doing so due to time constraints. Pancake accepts your silent commendations. (Webmaster Note: the 3 year results are at the end of this newsletter.)

Happy Bucks: Jim Platt ~ fined himself for missing the playground work day; Don Grimm & Chuck Wehage ~ making progress on a wheelchair ramp; Joe Nolte ~ son caught his first fish; Keith Sutherland ~ parents in town; Dan Breitbach ~ for the marvelous song selections and fine musical accompaniment by Fran

Next week's program: Janet Wilhelm of the Freedom Festival speaker next week

Speaker: Kevin McCarville introduced Kurt Nelson, CEO of the Entrepreneurial Development Center (EDC). Kurt is a native of Des Moines but has spent the past 30 years in CR. He previously was the Pres/Partner of the Crystal Group. In 2003 he served on the task force that founded EDC.

He gave a very interesting view of our economic situation in the Iowa City/CR corridor. Last year Iowa

ranked 50th in creating new businesses. Of the top 25 corridor businesses, only 4 are home grown; and of the top 25 manufacturing companies in the corridor, 2 are based in Iowa. According to Kurt, it is critical that we foster new business creation in our area if we are to remain a vibrant economic community.

EDC has three primary functions: 1) connect entrepreneurs with community resources; 2) provide guided professional consulting; and 3) provide networking and educational meeting monthly. EDC has worked with 250 companies that are involved with interstate commerce, focusing on companies that bring new dollars to the community. There is no cost to companies for its services. EDC is located in the Armstrong Building downtown.

Very nicely done, Kurt.

Word for the day: Word master, Don Grimm provided: “hegemony”: Leadership, predominance, preponderance; esp. the leadership or predominant authority of one state of a confederacy or union over the others.

		2006	2005	2004
Total Teams' Ticket Sales	# Tickets	701	1,049	960
Total Teams' \$ Sales	\$ Sales \$	2,804	4,196	3,840
Xavier Key Club/Circle K Sales	# Tickets	86	97	135
	\$ Sales \$	258	291	540
Corporate Sales	# Tickets	944.5	787	522
	\$ Sales \$	3,778	3,148	2,088
Walk-in traffic	# Tickets	149	111	145
	\$ Sales \$	745	555	578
Ticket sponsorship - Arby's	\$	500	500	500
			\$	27
Grand Totals Ticket Sales		1,881	2,044	1,762
Grand Totals \$ Sales	\$	8,085	8,690	7,573
Expense total	\$	1,714	1,418	1,004

Net Income vs Expense	\$ 6,371	\$ 7,272	\$ 6,569
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[Submitted](#) - Dan Breitbach

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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

June 7th, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President
President Doug Dix. 27 Members in attendance.

Guests: Bob McEvoy, from Arizona

Birthdays: Joe Nolte, June 5; Fran Brown, June 7

Anniversaries: Doug Dix, June 1, 1999

Announcements: At the board meeting on June 6,
donations were approved for Tanager Place, Four Oaks,
Families Helping Families, the Kiwanis Nebraska/Iowa
District Foundation, and the Kiwanis International
Foundation. The club is looking for candidates for three
new board members and one second vice president.

Happy Bucks: Dan Breitbach, Doug Dix, Don Grimm,
Dave Gosch, Bob McEvoy, and Ron Sundermann, who
was happy that the most-recent car accident in his family did
not result in a rate increase.

Next week's program: Scott Clark, who writes the
"Company Doctor" column in the *Corridor Business
Journal*.

Speaker: Dave Graeff introduced Janet Wilhelm,
executive director of the Freedom Festival, which last year
drew 377,000 people. Janet reviewed the events at this

year's Freedom Festival, with emphasis on the following additions and changes: The festival will span 13 days in 2006, an increase of one day. This year, the events held at Kirkwood are scheduled the weekend after the Barbeque Roundup. The Barbeque Roundup is in a new location this year, and will be co-located with the country music night. A new Glenn Miller concert will be held on June 25, and a new concert for the 16-35-year-old demographic will be held at Hawkeye Downs, featuring *Bowling for Soup*. (*Bowling for Soup* is so hot that the very mention of its name was enough to set off the Elmcrest fire alarm system.) As is customary, the festival finale will be a 22-minute fireworks display at Mays Island.

Word for the day: hortatory - Of, pertaining to, or characterized by exhortation or encouragement.

Submitted - Keith Sutherland

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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

June 21st, 2006

The meeting was called to order by First Vice President Doug Dix. 28 Members in attendance.

Guests: None

Birthdays: Jim Doyne, celebrating the 26th anniversary of his 39th birthday

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: The nominees for club officers and the board of directors were announced to the club, as they had been the previous week. The nominees are: for president, Chuck Wehage; for 1st VP, Kelly Moore; for 2nd VP, Bob Hatala; for Secretary, Sister Charmaine; for Treasurer, Gerry Kneeland; to fill a vacant board position expiring in 2007, Dan Breitbach; for board positions expiring in 2009, Kelly Allen, John Schweitzer, and Keith Sutherland. The election will be held June 28.

Paul Anderson announced that the playground construction at Truman Elementary School had been completed. Two club members contributed 6 volunteer hours to the effort.

Happy Bucks: Paul Anderson, Joe Schmall, John Anderson, John Schweitzer, Dave Gosch, Chuck

Wehage, Fran Brown, and Dave Graeff.

Next week's program: Kevin Carlson, discussing our new web pages. Please bring all of your suggestions and comments.

Speaker: Judy Whetstein, committee chair of the Cedar Rapids 15-in-5 initiative on Municipal Solid Waste, described the actions of the committee. Significant issues are that 80% of the landfilled waste is generated by businesses, which were not originally represented on the committee, and that tipping fees for the landfill pay for recycling and environmental efforts, so that the more recycling that occurs, the less revenue is generated to support recycling. The committee has submitted its recommendations, as follows: Four recommendations deal with recycling, including extending the recycling program to multi-family homes and businesses. Two recommendations promote conversion of waste to energy, and include the recommendation for a comprehensive feasibility study of waste-to-energy technologies such as plasma torch. Two recommendations deal with landfill/waste transfer issues, including the recommendation for a study of the organizational structure of the solid waste agency formerly known as Bluestem.

Word for the day: Philology -- the humanistic study of language and literature.

Submitted - Keith Sutherland. Next week's scribe - Dan Breitbach

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June 28th, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Doug
Dix. 32 Members in attendance.

Guests: Angela Burns from RSVP, Joan Hackburth
from Tanager Place and Gary Connors Boe from Four
Oaks

Birthdays: Dr. David Graef, D.V.M

Anniversaries: Bill Windus 1974 and Richard/Charlene
Boardman 2002

Announcements: Ray Vaughn is recovering at a local
hospital. A \$2000 check was presented to Tanager Place
and a \$2000 check was presented to Four Oaks. The
respective representatives made brief remarks in acceptance
of the checks. It was noted that this was Four Oaks's
birthday too.

Happy Bucks: Charlene B for her club anniversary, Dan
Brietbach for his parents and having just survived a week in
LA, Doug Dix for his 28th wedding anniversary, Chuck
Wehage for his trip to Fargo, and John Anderson for
B17 planes and young eagles.

Next week's program:

Speaker: Kevin Carlson gave a presentation introducing

our new website to the club. Quite impressive.

Word for the day: Lost but President Dix had to pay

Submitted - Co authored by Doug Dix and Chuck Wehage

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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

July 19th, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Doug
Dix. 22 Members in attendance.

Guests: Jerry Knox & Jim Moriarty

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: Fran Brown (1996)

Announcements: "Families Helping Families" will be holding
a backpack assembly night on Wednesday, July 26 from
6:00 until 8:00 at the United Assembly Church (where
better to hold an "assembly" night?). Volunteers are
needed. Please contact John Locher for more details.

Jeff Hollingsworth is coordinating an interclub with the
Williamsburg Kiwanis Club on Thursday August 10.
Meeting is at noon, with golf outing to follow. Williamsburg is
just a dogleg right from Cedar Rapids, so lets get a well
attended interclub put together. Contact Jeff to sign up.

Happy Bucks: See "Word for the Day", Below

Next week's program: Cedar Rapids Symphony

Speaker: Speaker: Floyd Hutzell of the Algona Kiwanis
Club spoke today on the development of AKTION
Clubs. AKTION Clubs are designed to allow adults

living with disabilities to participate in Kiwanis service to their communities. AKTION Clubs were recognized as an official Kiwanis organization by Kiwanis International in October 2000.

Floyd is coordinating the drive to establish and promote AKTION Clubs throughout the Nebraska-Iowa District. The Algona AKTION Club was the first to be established in the NE-IA District. There are now 225 clubs in the world, with 16 of those currently in our District.

The goal is to establish 6 new clubs per year in the District, and Floyd threw out the challenge for the Cedar Rapids Kiwanis Club to be the next to sponsor an AKTION Club. Requirements to get a club established include a \$460 first year cost, a minimum of approximately 15 members to start, a commitment from our club to have Kiwanis members at each meeting of the AKTION Club to assist, and to participate in two joint club activities each year.

Floyd also reported on his recent trip to attend the International Convention in Montreal. Kiwanis is determined to have 1 million members by 2015, and the challenge to each and every Kiwanian is to make this happen.

Word for the day: Actually two words to make up for last week:

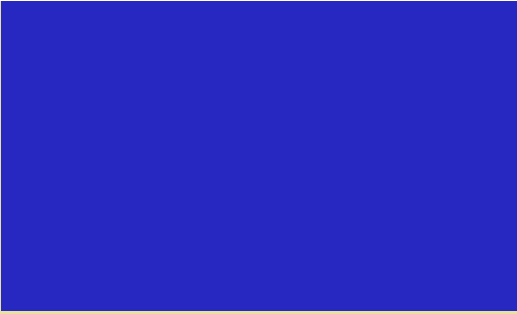
1. Sanguine: hopeful or confident with reference to some particular issue.
2. Sedulously: diligently, attentively. Used in a sentence: We would have a list of happy bucks above if the scribe would have been sedulously paying attention.

Submitted - Kelly Moore

KIWANIS SPEAKER COORDINATORS:

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July 26, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Doug
Dix. 25 Members in attendance.

Invocation given by Kevin McCarville

Guests: Would you believe we had one guest, Jennifer
McCarville, daughter of Kevin McCarville, soon-to-be
teacher in the Sioux City Heelan district and soon-to-be
married (July 29)? Well, my friends, believe. The
introduction given by her dad was so moving that it moved
the club to sing two songs in almost? perfect harmony.
Either by her facial expression or her inability to respond, it
was deduced by the club that she wouldn't need our musical
services for her wedding. Fancy that!

Birthdays: Charlene Boardman, alias Ma Breitbach
Boardman, celebrates her birthday on July 27.
Unfortunately, she was unable to attend today's meeting
and therefore missed a golden opportunity to hear the club
sing again in almost? perfect harmony.

Anniversaries: There were none

Announcements: (1) Doug reminded everyone of the
cleanup nights at the Kernels games coming up and to sign
the sheet that was being passed around. Money raised off
these three nights will fund pediatric kits. (2) Jeff

Hollingsworth announced the upcoming interclub with Williamsburg on August 10 followed by golf. Ten people had signed up already. Phil Mickelson was a tentative registrant according to the latest info on MySpace.com.
(3) Paul Anderson reminded everyone that tonight was the backpack stuffing with school supplies for Families Helping Families. It was being held at Trinity United Methodist Church on the corner of 3rd Ave. SW & 5th St. Reminder: Board meeting next Tuesday, August 1 at Bradley & Riley Law Firm at noon.

Happy Bucks:

- John Anderson was happy that Jim Doyne is now an expert on the Japanese beetle
- Ray Vaughn was also happy about Jim but for a different reason: he enjoyed the fact that Jim may be the only DJ playing
- "Mares eat oats..." AND also that he will be celebrating his 65th wedding anniversary on the 27th
- John Schweitzer - New Horizon Band concert Aug. 5 at Czech Museum
- Joe Schmall - Xavier HS baseball team in state semis and girls softball to state
- John Waggoner - DON'T EVER LET THE SHOE PROGRAM DIE
- Janet Blackledge - 50th high school class reunion coming up
- Don Grimm - his wife is leaving town.....oh, she asked him to drive her to her sister's and then he can see old friends and not be responsible for entertaining the ladies
- Bob Gable - wife won the lottery and asked him to pack his bags...he's out (just a joke and a fine one at that)
- Ron Sunderman - son, a doctor at St. Lukes, is happy that he's at a place where the nurses give a damn
- Chuck Wehage had 3 bucks and I can't read my writing to tell you what he was happy about. Can you believe that? Well, believe!
- Bill Windus - Twins are doing well and he hopes the Cubs follow suit
- John Anderson - happy that Bob Gable told a funny joke
- Dan Breitbach - he can't remember what he was happy

about either. Can you believe that?

Next week's program: In Progress

Speaker: John Anderson introduced Tim Hankewich, the new conductor for the CR Symphony. Tim comes to us from Kansas City. He gave a very interesting talk and really challenged the mental capacities of our members to stay with him during his presentation. More than once did I see confused looks on some of the faces of our members when Tim compared conducting to the culinary arts. These looks were the same type of looks one sees during Don Grimm's word for the day quiz. In any event, Tim gave us a little background on what it takes to put together a performance, starting with the selection of the pieces, the planning and preparation and finally the presentation or the actual symphony. He is very impressed with the support for the arts that he's seen in Cedar Rapids and the wonderful home for the symphony - the Paramount Theater. He stressed the importance of the downtown development to the long-term success of the symphony as people have other options along with attending the symphony, such as shopping or having dinner or drinks afterwards.

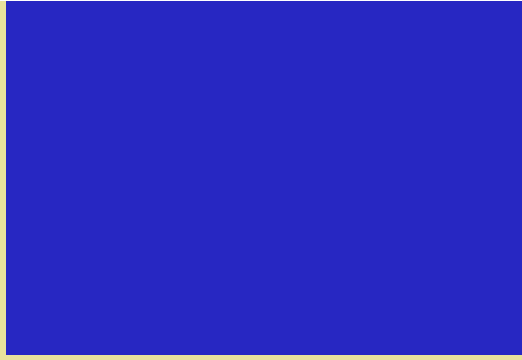
He majored in piano but also played the trumpet in high school. However, a conductor needs at least some rudimentary knowledge of all instruments. In closing, he did say that our musical talent might not quite be up to par with what he is looking for in his concert series and recommended that we keep our day jobs or remain in retirement.

Very nice presentation!

Word for the day: Don Grimm baffled us once again with "encomium": a formal or high-flown expression of praise; a eulogy, panegyric. In other words gang, let's not expect an encomium for our singing. Fran - you get the encomium.

Submitted - Would you believe that Dan Breitbach submitted this? Well, believe.

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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

August 2, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Doug
Dix. 32 Members in attendance.

Guests: Jody Nolte, Joe's sister; Jim Moriarity visiting
from Cresco Kiwanis Club

Birthdays: Glenn Fox, Joe Schweitzer, Jeff
Hollingsworth and Bill Windus

Anniversaries: Kevin McCarville and John Locher

Announcements: Ray Vaughn announced that he and
Bernice will celebrate 65 years of marriage this week. Jeff
Hollingsworth is organizing a golf outing at Williamsburg.

Happy Bucks: John Anderson was pleased to see TV
ads featuring Drs. McCarville and Graeff talking about
their professions; Joe Schweitzer found a lost dog this
morning, and orchestrated its' rescue; Bob Dye's ministry
served 40 kids at camp in Colorado, and announced that
peaches from Colorado will be available in the coming week
or two; guest Jim Moriarity was happy to get his car fixed;
Jim Platt was aglow because of his recent family reunion in
Ohio; Dan Breitbach threw in a buck, but the scribe missed
why – something to do with a girl he once dated, I think;
Duane Kurrelmeyer was VERY happy to be with us – he
went to the ER with suspected heart problems last week,

but got a thumbs up from the docs; Dick Boardman was happy to return home from vacation and find that their “son” hadn’t trashed the house; Dave Graeff cast a dollar in response to John Anderson’s mention of the TV appearance.

Next week’s program: Captain Bobby Ratliffe, News Copter Nine

Speaker: Suzanne Bailey and Greg Buelow of the CR Fire Department told of a \$144,000 grant from the federal government (only! No local match) to purchase 6000 smoke detectors, and install them in homes around the twelve elementary schools in CR in which half or more of the children qualify for reduced cost or free lunches. Their thesis is that fires and fire fatalities occur most in poorer neighborhoods. A key to the success of this program is that the detectors are not to be simply handed out – they are to be installed by crews trained by the fire department. Experience has shown that free detectors are often not installed. Each of the twelve schools are assigned a Saturday between August 26 and late November, when the detectors will be delivered and installed. CR Downtown Kiwanis will participate, and a signup sheet for our selected Saturday will be started soon. A maximum four hour commitment is anticipated. For more information, call Suzanne Bailey at 286-5231, or email at s.bailey@cedar-rapids.org

Word for the day: digraph – a group of two letters expressing a simple sound of speech.

Submitted - C. Wehage

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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

August 16, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Doug
Dix. 32 Members in attendance.

Guests: Jody Nolte, Joe's sister

Birthdays: Ron Sunderman, Chuck Wehage

Anniversaries: Jim Wood

Announcements: Doug Dix, David Graeff and Jeff
Hollingsworth reported on the interclub meeting and golf
outing with the Williamsburg Kiwanis club; Dr. Graeff
announced a Kiwanis golf event scheduled for Thursday,
October 5 at noon at St. Andrews – golf and steak fry for
\$50; President Dix reminded members of the officer
installation banquet at Elmcrest on September 27.
Members and guests will get a great dinner for \$10 each.

Happy Bucks: Scribe missed most, but Don Grimm was in
there, Dave Hatala reported on attending a game at
Yankee Stadium, and Dave Graeff announced a planned
visit.

Next week's program: Next week, Vern Jackson of the CR
Astronomy club will talk about the new facility being
constructed near Palisades Park. On August 30,
Congressman Nussle will speak in support of his bid for the

governor's job.

Speaker: Carol Luth, volunteer coordinator for Aging Services talked of their many services to elders, with the goal of keeping people happy and healthy in their own homes as long as possible. AS has 28 paid employees, and is funded by a combination of United Way, government grants, public health funds and private donations. AS advocates for medicate waivers, provides social worker services dealing with elder abuse issues, has two adult day care centers (Milestones) in the area, offers an in-home respite, vision enhancement services, coordinates a Chore program for lawn mowing, buys materials for handicap ramps, trains and schedules volunteers for home safety inspections. Rides to doctor appointments added up to 3000 trips last year, and that program is expanding to provide transportation to pharmacies and grocery stores. They also do telephone checks and home visits to those at risk.

Word for the day: Peripatetic – Walking about from place to place in connection with some occupation or calling; itinerant.

Submitted - Chuck Wehage

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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

August 23, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Dix.
30 Members in attendance.

Guests: Delaine Peterson, from the ARC.

Birthdays: Aaron Randolph, 8/27

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: Dave Graeff announced the upcoming Kiwanis golf outing at St. Andrews scheduled for Thursday October 5. Contact Dave for details and to sign up. Sign up sheets for the Installation Banquet will be available at next week's meeting. The Banquet is scheduled for Wednesday September 27 at Elmcrest. Drinks at 6:00, dinner at 6:30. Cost is \$10. John Locher is coordinating volunteers for the reading program at Taylor Elementary School. Volunteers are needed to work with first graders at 1:30 on Wednesdays for approximately one hour. Contact John to schedule a time.

Happy Bucks: Happy Bucks: Jim Platt (wife's good news regarding no need for surgery), Don Grimm (wife's sisters visit), Keith Sunderman (Yellowstone trip), Dave Graeff (PGA tourney in Medina) and Rich, Charlene & Dan (one big happy family vacationing together).

Next week's program: Next week's program: Next week
Iowa Gubernatorial candidate Jim Nussle will join us.
Please bring a guest.

Speaker: Verne Jackson and Greg Frommer of the Cedar Amateur Astronomers Club discussed the plans for the expansion of the Eastern Iowa Observatory and Learning Center. Through a joint effort of the CAA and the Linn County Conservation Department, significant improvements at the Eastern Iowa Observatory are in the works. A new expanded facility at the Palisades Dows Preserve will begin in September. This facility will provide observatories for both the Boller & Chivens 24 inch telescope and the Meade 16 inch robotic telescope, as well as provide presentation facilities for all types of programs. Total cost of the new facility will exceed \$700,000, and the group still needs to raise over \$48,000 by September 10 to comply with terms of their Vision Iowa grant. Additional information can be obtained at the group's website at www.cedar-astronomers.org.

Word for the day: diffident - wanting in self confidence; distrustful of oneself; not confident in disposition; timid, shy, modest, bashful..

Submitted - Kelly Moore

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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

September 6th, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Doug
Dix. 27 Members in attendance.

Guests: None

Birthdays: Mel Rhodes' birthday was celebrated in song,
even though it had been announced the previous week

Anniversaries: Jeff Hollingsworth, 2 Years

Announcements: The CRFD needs help installing fire
detectors on Saturday, September 16. Volunteers should
be at Wilson School, 2301 J Street SW, at 8:00 AM.
There will be a brief training period followed by service 4-5
homes to install smoke alarms or replace batteries in existing
alarms. We should be done by noon or so. We will be
furnished all necessary tools and supplies. We are
requesting that our volunteers wear tennis shoes and bring a
cell phone, if they have one. Jim Platt, Kelly Allen, Bob
Hatala and Keith Sutherland have signed up; we can use
lotsa others - call Suzanne Bailey at 286-5231 if you can
help or email her at s.bailey@cedar-rapids.org

The Installation of Officers dinner will be at Elmcrest on
September 27 at 6:00. The tariff is \$10 per head. Choose
salmon or pork chop for an entree. *No noon meeting that
day, of course.*

Dan Breitbach rose to bemoan the selection of songs today. He likes the club to mumble through some obscure dirge instead of singing good 'ol #23 that we all know. No complaints, though, about singing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" as a memorial to John Waggoner.

Thursday, October 5th is the golf outing at St. Andrews, shotgun start at noon and a steak fry about 6 PM for \$50.

President Dix announced that the board made donations to Miracles in Motion, Waypoint and to Polk and Taylor schools for field trips.

Happy Bucks: Happy Bucks became sad bucks in part today, with all donating in memory of John Waggoner. Proud Pa Dan Breitbach threw in a buck for the Coe win - his son plays Quarterback for Coe.

Next week's program: Upcoming Program: Dave Rasdal, columnist for the Gazette, will speak on the 13th, and Alfred Ramirez, Diversity Focus Exec. Director speaks on the 20th. No speaker on the 27th - that's the night of the Installation Banquet.

Speaker: Barb Elsasser, HACAP Food Reservoir Executive Director, runs a 60,000 square foot "warehouse" of donated food that services 98 agencies and 175 food distribution programs in the seven county area. Barb has been in this position for 16 years, growing it to handle 1.3 million pounds of food last year. The facts about poverty that leads to a need for this service are close to shocking: over 8% of the residents of the 7 county area served qualify; 6000 households per month access the services, or 72,000 accesses per year. HACAP is looking for volunteers to pack about 2,000 holiday food and toy boxes for needy families, allowing them about a week's supply of food between Christmas and New Years, along with a few toys and gifts selected to fit the family. They also seek organizations to Adopt-A-Family from the 350 or so referred to HACAP by schools and other agencies. HACAP does recover an average of 4cents per pound, 18cents max for those that can afford it, to pay for

operation of the warehouse and other unavoidable overhead costs.

Word for the day: No Word For The Day this week.
Knowing Mr. Grimm, there will be a pair next week

Submitted - Chuck Wehage

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September 20th, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Doug
Dix. 27 Members in attendance.

Guests: No guests

Birthdays: The one and only, the indescribable, the
articulate, mocha-chocolate-lovin' Mary Corkery.

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: 1. Sign up sheets for both the installation
dinner at Elmcrest CC next Wednesday, Sept. 27 and the
Oct. 5 golf outing at St. Andrews were circulating around
the tables. The dinner begins with a social ½ hour at 6:00
pm. The golf outing begins at 12:30 pm followed by a steak
dinner. Individuals can sign up for the dinner only if golf isn't
their game or they can't play hooky from work.

2. Dan Breitbach announced that Mohammad Khan
Kharoti, a Coe alum from the 70s, is giving a presentation at
Coe on Thursday, September 21, 2006 beginning at 7:00
pm. His presentation is on a school that he began in his
native Afghanistan that teaches both boys and girls. It is
open to the public and free.

Happy Bucks: Duane Kurrelmeyer – coverage in the
Gazette; Bob Hatala – worked the chain gang at the

prison, whoops, I mean Kennedy-Washington football game last Friday night; Don Grimm – 600+ attended something that escapes me right now; Roger Hoffman – celebrating 28? yrs of marital bliss, (hopefully I got that right); Fran Brown – crisis in Thailand is over which is a relief since her son is there; Doug Dix – owed a buck for last week's word of the day; and Dan Breitbach – found the key to his parents' condo and announced that the party is on and it's **BYOB – BRING YOUR OWN BROOM** to help clean up.

Next week's program: September 27: Installation dinner 6:00 pm Elmcrest CC

Speaker: Dave Gosch introduced Alfred Ramirez, Executive Director of Diversity Focus, a relatively new organization in Linn County. Alfred was born and raised in Los Angeles, attended the University of Columbia in New York, and has been involved with diversity programs on the national, state and now local level for many years. He moved to Cedar Rapids in February '06 to take this position. Alfred gave an interesting talk on the mission of Diversity. The organization is celebrating its one year anniversary with a press conference on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 10:00 am at the African-American History Museum. Diversity Focus is a non-profit organization devoted to enhancing the diversity of the CR-IC area and its initial three goals are:

1. Communication – promoting awareness and an image in the community that diversity is valued
2. Information Clearinghouse – create a resource center that leverages the many products, capabilities and work of organizations supporting diversity
3. Program Enhancement – advance new ideas and opportunities to build a more diverse community

Alfred offered to include our website on theirs.

He was well-received by all those in attendance. Thank

you Alfred for your insight and time.

Word for the day: Wordmeister Don Grimm presented us with “stover” and lo and behold, the incomparable, animal psychic Dr. David Graff came up with the correct answer: the dried stalks and leaves of a field crop (especially corn) used as animal fodder after the grain has been harvested. This did cost the club president another dollar. To dampen Dave’s enthusiasm for guessing correctly, the incomparable and one and only (thank God) John Anderson added that the good Doctor would know this as he often had owners feed excessive amounts of stover to their animals causing them to become sick and need vet care.

Submitted: Dan Breitbach (Yours Truly)

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Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club

Wednesday, October 4, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Immediate Past President Doug Dix. 26 Members in attendance.

Guests: Marlene Jesup (Sp?) with African American Museum, guest of Joe Nolte and Pat Sherman, visiting Kiwanian from Duluth, MN

Birthdays: Paul Anderson (10/5) Paul received a beautiful version of "Happy Birthday", not quite as moving as Marilyn Monroe's version to Kennedy, but then again, that version would not have been appropriate for this occasion.

Anniversaries: Sister Charmaine since '97; Aaron Randolph since '76 and recently moved Bob Cenek.

Announcements: 1. Scribe sheet being passed around. It's easy to do, even Dan can do it.

2. The honorable Dr. Graeff announced that there's still time to sign up for the club golf outing to be held tomorrow, Oct. 5 at St. Andrew's Golf Course. \$50 gets you golf, cart and a steak dinner and the chance to wrap a perfectly good club around the old oak tree. Or is that tie a yellow ribbon round.....? Anyway, you can just show up tomorrow for the noon tee time or come for the dinner at 5:30.

3. Board meeting is next Tuesday, Oct. 10 at Bradley & Riley.

4. Congrats again to Sister C and Gerry Kneeland for being named Kiwanians of the Year for our Club.

Happy Bucks: Pretty somber group today as there were only 5 happy people: Dr. Graeff for Boof Bonzer, MN Twins pitcher; Pat Sherman for joining us from Duluth; Dan Breitbach for being overjoyed to break bread at the same table as Mom and Dad; John Schweitzer for seeing a Duluthian without a parka; and Dick Boardman for attending his first Coe football game to see his grandson play.

Next week's program: Funny you should ask. This is like a re-enactment of the "who's on first" spiel. It goes something like this:

Q: Who's on for next Wednesday the 11th? A: Someone is confirmed but we aren't sure. Who maybe be coming instead.

Q: Why's that? A: Someone can come but is on hold because Who may be able to attend but won't know for a few days.

Q: Will Someone be mad? A: No, Someone is flexible and would defer to Who if Who can make it next week.

Q: Will Someone definitely be there next week? A: Depends on whether you mean Someone or someone. If you're asking if someone will be there, the answer appears to be "Yes". However, if you're asking if Someone will be there, that depends on Who or who you're talking about.

Q: Who's Who? A: Who would be Patty Judge, running with Chet Culver.

Q: I'm afraid to ask: But who's coming on the 18th? A: Oh, that's easy, it's Jim Prosser, new city manager.

Q: Will we have someone on the 25th? A: That depends on Who you're talking about. Joe Nolte has the October programs well in hand, well sort of.

Speaker: Joe introduced Dr. Ruth White, former Washington HS language arts teacher and academic advisor for minorities. Ruth gave a very informative talk on a program that she started while at Washington called the Academy for Scholastic and Personal Success. It's actually been in existence since 1989 and has run summer programs ever since, with the exception of two summers. The Academy seeks to improve academic achievement and cultural awareness with its students. Prior to her retirement in 2002, Washington HS had 42 different cultures represented in the student body. The summer program consists of 6 week programs that run from 8:00 a.m. – noon, M-F. The focus is on language arts, social studies, math, science and social skills. The sessions are currently held at Kirkwood CC but have been held at Mt. Mercy in the past. The culminating activity is a cultural trip to Atlanta, GA and every other year to either Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Louis, etc. In intent on these trips is to expose the students to minority role models who are making something of themselves. There are between 25-35 students in each session. Funding comes from several sources but primarily from the CR School District. Funds are tight and the program can always use donations. This year the program is expanding to middle school and eventually Ruth hopes to reach the 3rd grade level. Thanks Ruth for a wonderful presentation.

Word for the day: Don Grimm was absent so the word for today is "Clueless", as in we have no clue as to what the word would have been.

Submitted - Dan Breitbach, not to be confused with Someone or Who.

Email report to: KCarlson@mchsi.com

Scribe:

[Next week:](#) Keith Sutherland.

[In 2 weeks:](#) Dan Breitbach

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October 11th, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage.

Guests: Pam Gusick, Katie Johnson and Kim Beals, staff of our speaker, and Pam Landon

Birthdays: Janet Blackledge 10-13; Roger Hoffman - 10-15

Anniversaries: No Anniversaries

Announcements: Kevin McCarville - Tuesday, October 24 will be a Key Club Induction at Xavier, 7:00

Happy Bucks: Happy Bucks: Roger Hoffman (missed the though); Chuck Wehage (aglow after nice vacation); Ron Sunderman (took 1000 pics of Mediterranean cruise, friends now avoiding him); Mal Rhodes (got his spare house up for sale, and glad his daughter in Dallas is recovering from illness); Paul Anderson (proud grandpa); Carlene Boardman (thanks Fran for all the nice music every week); Joe Schmall (Cardinals moving on, and Xavier is 6-0); Doug Dix (yea for the Broncos); Janet Blackledge (new boat), and John Schweitzer (missed it - undoubtedly had to do with the local big band scene)

Next week's program: Newly appointed City Manager Joe

Prosser

Speaker: Program: Kelly Hauer, executive director of the local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, gave a very informative talk about this debilitating condition. It is the most common form of dementia. The main risk factors are age and head injury. 4.5 million Americans have it, including 67,000 Iowans. The Association works toward prevention, early diagnosis, treatments and addressing the social stigma and fear of loss of independence. Survival usually ranges from two to twenty years after diagnosis. Diagnosis is around 90% accurate now, and improving.

The biggest message Kelly had for us is that it is not a normal consequence of aging, although because we live longer now, more people than ever have the disease. By the year 2050, there may be 16 million cases in the US.

Word for the day: breaker of ideas and practices that are commonly accepted.

Submitted - Chuck Wehage

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October 18th, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 31 Members in attendance.

Guests: Mike Delaney (Rick Chandler); Dave Wilken (John Schweitzer); Mike Donaldson (Pat Sherman from Duluth club); Rebecca McCarville and Pam Landon (Kevin McCarville)

Birthdays: none

Anniversaries: none

Announcements: 1. Janet Blackledge - Xavier HS Key Club is holding its installation of officers at 7:00 pm on October 24. Encourages good representation from our club.

2 - Dave Gosch - Garfield School's Step Up Program for kids from low-income families will be sending us a proposal for funding its Christmas gift project.

Happy Bucks: John Anderson - making sweet music with Mike Delaney at a particular bell-ringing night; Duane Kurrelmeyer - the Cardinals are in good shape in the playoffs; John Schweitzer - thankful he didn't hear John and Mike sing; Chuck Wehage - getting last week's meeting minutes done late last night; Dave Graeff - despite

Missou's loss, it didn't compare to Iowa's this past Saturday; Pat Sherman – happy to have Mike Donaldson hired; Jim Moriarity – hopeful that his son is safely on his way home from Kuwait; Doug Dix – good crowd today; Charlene – passing along her hubby's sadness about not seeing their son today (let me qualify this – he was only a \$1 worth sad and in today's economy, how sad is that?); Dan Breitbach – happy that John Anderson does a better mime impression than Sinatra.

Next week's program: Check the website

Speaker: Dave Gosch introduced Jim Prosser, our new City Manager. Jim came to CR with a very strong background in city management and related expertise. He has been very impressed with the community and the warm welcome he and his family have received.

He explained the five (5) major initiatives they are undertaking in City Hall:

1. Refining the governance system to be more responsive and accessible;
2. Reorganizing the management process with input from both the public and the city employees;
3. Identifying the key goals/needs of the community and creating the plan to implement;
4. Developing a financial plan for the city that goes out 10 years;
5. Developing a communications plan

Jim's initial observations during his first year were that Cedar Rapids has a strong and diverse economy, the ambition to be a better community, the need for us to be competitive and aggressive since all cities are in competition for the same things, and how thankful he was for being so welcomed to Cedar Rapids.

Jim did an excellent job presenting and answering the many questions posed.

Word for the day: Don Grimm was not present leaving all of us at a loss for words.

[Submitted](#) - Dan Breitbach

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November 1, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. XX Members in attendance.

Guests: Mike Wright (Doug Dix); Pam Landon (Doug Dix) – Pam has submitted her application

Birthdays: none

Anniversaries: none

Announcements: The November board meeting will be at Godfather's in the Town & Country Mall; Today is the last day to order the Xavier HS sweet rolls. Sister is bringing them to the luncheon next Wednesday; Our Kiwanis Club will be recognized by Taylor Elementary at its "Galaxy of Stars Nite" for our part in the reading program.

Happy Bucks: We had a number: Kevin Carlson thanking Charlene & Dick Boardman for sitting with and introducing Mari Culver to speak; Duane Kurrelmeyer for the Cardinals World Series title and the Tigers' pitching; Dick Boardman for Xavier HS football and for not wearing his pin; Doug Dix for whatever as I can't read my writing on this one; Don Grimm had \$3 for his wife's sister's son's kidney and pancreas transplant surgery and the engine show in Canada; Ron Sunderman for the Nov. 10 concert chorale

performance and tickets were \$10 until Rod bartered him down to \$5; Joe Schmall for the Cards' win; Dan Breitbach for his back to school mime program; Jim Platt for his upcoming Medicare program; Chuck Wehage for the Elderhostel in Appalachia that he attended; and John Anderson for being pleased that Breitbach will finally keep quiet.

Next week's program: Jim Platt's Medicare program

Speaker: Bob Hatala, subbing in for Kelly Moore, introduced Julie Dancer, the Executive Director of the Ridgeview Assistance Living Community and the MeadowView Memory Care Village. Julie gave a very informative update on the MeadowView facility, located on F Avenue NW, just east of Edgewood. It's a healthcare facility that serves seniors 55 years and older. It provides primary care for persons suffering from dementia and memory problems. It's a private pay facility that has no endowments to help fund the operation. Julie became a big hit when she made her presentation interactive with two handout photos, asking for input on what our members perceived the photos to represent. Both photos, one of two young boys relieving themselves off the side of a pontoon and the other, five buff guys in shorts/no shirts pushing an RV, elicited a number of very interesting and creative responses. I was particularly taken by Janet Blackledge's "Chippendale" thoughts. Hmmmmmm?

Thanks, Julie, for a great program. I'm sure that we will have several members eventually living out there IF they can remember where it's located.

Word for the day: The honorable wordsmith, Don Grimm, presented us with "alacrious" which was solved quickly by Kevin Carlson or someone at his table. It means "brisk, lively, active". Pay up Chuck!

Submitted - Dan Breitbach, your humble and soon to be mime scribe

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November 8, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 25 Members in attendance.

Guests: None

Birthdays: Jerry Banes (joined in 1968 at the age of 3)

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: 1. Sister Charmaine has Xavier HS sweet rolls in her trunk so stop by after the meeting;
2. Elmcrest will be closed for our January 3rd and 10th meetings so we'll be announcing those locations at a later date;
3. At yesterday's board meeting, we approved a \$100 contribution to the Linn County Law Club in the name of Bradley & Riley for use of their board room for our Kiwanis Board Meeting;
4. We are not doing ticket sales for the Pops Christmas Concert this year;
5. December 2nd is the day we wrap presents at Target for the Homeless Children's Trust;
6. December 1st is the date of the Holiday Parade and we're planning a float;
7. A membership survey will be handed out at the Nov. 15th luncheon and mailed to those not in attendance as the first step in developing a membership growth plan; 8. Our annual

Witwer Center Christmas luncheon is set for December 20th.

Happy Bucks: Only a few brave souls pulled \$1 bills out of their pockets today: John Schweitzer – no slush yet (I believe he's referring to the weather and not the development of a slush fund so early in Chuck's reign as President); Dick Boardman – the elections are over and he and mom can now concentrate on their prodigal son's long-term financial security; Joe Schmall – two bucks for Xavier's wins over Prairie and Cedar Falls; Don Grimm – Allen's service shop almost charged him a \$100+ for some repairs if it weren't for the ever-watchful eye of our wordsmith; Mel Rhodes – another one happy the elections are over (if you are really happy you can help mom and dad with my long-term financial security); Dan Breitbach – his mime training seems to be -----

Next week's program: Darcí Bemus, Theatre Cedar Rapids

Speaker: Jim Platt gave our program today on the latest Medicare plans. He's had extensive training in this area and it showed as he covered the major points of both the traditional and the newer Advantage Medicare plans. There are advantages to both plans depending on the individual's situation. He presented the members with several handouts. If any of you are interested in knowing more and weren't able to attend today's meeting, give Jim a call.

Word for the day: Don Grimm thought that the word today would be guessed correctly. However, he gave us too much credit. The word: ascetic. We didn't come close to guessing correctly so Don, once again, had to divulge the answer: "one who is extremely rigorous in the practice of self-denial, whether by seclusion or by abstinence from creature comforts."

Submitted - Dan Breitbach, soon-to-be heir to the vast Boardman treasure chest via the long-term financial planning that is now underway

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The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 31 Members in attendance.

Guests: Dave Wilken (John Schweitzer) and Deb Frieze (John Locher)

Birthdays: Rich Chandler

Anniversaries: none

Announcements: 1. Elmcrest CC will not be available for meetings on January 3 & 10. Janet Blackledge has offered her home for Jan. 3 with the request that we make a good will donation at the door to be given to our foundation.

2. Sister Charmaine has rolls in her trunk today.

3. A member survey is being passed out today and those not in attendance will be mailed one.

4. The Homeless Children's' Trust shopping day is December 2 at Target East or North or Northeast.

5. Dr. Graeff has been working on getting dates/locations for the Christmas bell ringing and will have an answer soon.

Happy Bucks: John Anderson - Xavier HS football and

Fran's recorder; Sister Charmaine – Xavier football; John Schweitzer – IA/MN game; Jim Platt – Sister's buns (rolls); John Locher – National Adoption Week; Dick Boardman – saw Deb Frieze's mom at HyVee; Kelly Allen – Xavier football and Kansas State over Texas; Joe Nolte – for Kelly Allen reminding him that he is a member of Kiwanis; Chuck Wehage – Don Grimm and he survived a construction project; and Dan Breitbach – 33 cents for Xavier football, 33 cents for Fran's beautiful music, 33 cents for his son's academic honor and a penny for John Anderson's thoughts (boy can he stretch a dollar).

Next week's program: Kids In Cars (Marshalltown Kiwanis)

Speaker: Kelly Moore introduced Darcy Beemis, the Director of Development for Theatre Cedar Rapids. Darcy gave a very nice presentation on the Theatre. They produce eight productions each year with an all volunteer cast. In fact, the organization has over 700 volunteers. Performances this year include 2 Disney children's shows, 1 family holiday show – Hans Christian Andersen and West Side Story. They also hold a youth theatre for ages 6-13 which runs on Saturdays for a month. They also run a summer theatre camp with a performance at the end.

TCR's annual operating budget is \$871,000 and has 12 people on staff. Its fundraising goal is typically 55-60% or \$477,000.

If you are interested in learning more, you can log onto its website www.theatreocr.org.

All in all, it was a very informative program.

Word for the day: Don Grimm challenged us with: "belcanto". Some members were close, but there were no cigars today. It means "full, rich tone".

Submitted: Dan Breitbach

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November 22, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 32 Members in attendance.

Guests: Guests: Interclub from Marshalltown Matons Club including speaker, Tony Balik, Ray Goodman, Dale Benshin and Lyle Weber.

Birthdays: Sister Charmaine is 39 and holding

Anniversaries: None

Announcements: 1. Homeless Children's Trust Fund Christmas party gift-wrapping is at Target on Blairs Ferry Rd NE on Saturday, December 2. The scribe did not record the time this starts.

2. Sandy Batchelor Memorial Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army is Saturday, December 9 at Wal-Mart on Blairs Ferry Rd NE at the East entrance. Here is the schedule:

10 am – 12 noon: Janet Blackledge and John Anderson

12 noon – 2 pm: Mel Rhodes and Paul Anderson.

2 pm – 4 pm: Rod Thorpe and Don Grimm.

4 pm – 6 pm: Doug and Sandy Dix

6 pm – 8 pm: Kevin Carlson and Joe Schmall

Happy Bucks: Happy Bucks: Joe Schmall was happy that the Xavier Saints football team won the state of Iowa 4-A championship. Sister Charmaine was happy that three of the Saints made All-State. Dick

Boardman and Ron Sunderman were happy that Joe and Sister were happy. Doug Dix was happy that even Kennedy parents can root for Xavier.

Next week's program: Kiwanis Membership Meeting - please make plans to attend this important membership meeting

Speaker: Program: Paul Anderson introduced Tony Balik, retired social worker from Marshalltown and member of Marshalltown Matins Kiwanis Club. Kids In Cars is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to educate parents about the dangers of kids in and around cars and other motorized vehicles. The group was started by Terrill Struttman whose young child was crushed beneath the tires of an SUV that rolled over him after being left unattended in a vehicle.

The three leading causes of kids being injured or otherwise killed or injured cars or other large motorized vehicles include: 1) Heat exhaustion, 2) Vehicle set in motion by accident, and 3) Backed over.

Please see <http://www.kidsincars.org> for more information.

Word for the

day: Colloquy: A conversation, dialogue or high level, serious discussion

Submitted: Dr. David Graeff.

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The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 32 Members in attendance.

Guests: None

Birthdays: Kevin Carlson

Anniversaries: Paul Anderson & Mel Rhodes

Announcements: 1. Homeless Children's Trust Fund Christmas party gift-wrapping is at Target North on Blairs Ferry Rd NE on Saturday, December 2. Contact Sister Charmaine for details.

2. Dave Graeff announced the Sandy Batchelor Memorial Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army is Saturday, December 9 at Wal-Mart on Blairs Ferry Rd NE at the East entrance. Here is the schedule:

10 am – 12 noon: Janet Blackledge and John Anderson
12 noon – 2 pm: Mel Rhodes and Paul Anderson.
2 pm – 4 pm: Rod Thorpe and Don Grimm.
4 pm – 6 pm: Doug and Sandy Dix
6 pm – 8 pm: Kevin Carlson and Joe Schmall

3. John Schweitzer announced the details of the December 20 Christmas lunch at Witwer. Lunch at noon,

joined by the Xavier Choir.

4. Board meeting next Tuesday, December 5, 12:00 at Bradley & Riley.

Happy Bucks: Paul Anderson was celebrating his anniversary. John Schweitzer was happy about the upcoming concerts at Kirkwood on Saturday, and Coe the next weekend. Kelly Allen forgot her K pin. Joe Nolte is happy about his upcoming story telling session this Sunday at Mt. Mercy. Dave Graeff was happy about Mizzou football and basketball. Janet Blackledge was happy about her ski trip to Vermont (with no snow?). Bob Hatala was excited about Washington basketball. Mel and Don were just happy.

Next week's program: At-Large City Council Representative Pat Shey

Speaker:

Kelly Allen and Kevin McCarville discussed the membership committees efforts to date regarding the development of an action plan for the club to promote the growth of membership. Kelly discussed the member survey results and Kevin discussed his conversations with various International and District officers regarding membership recruitment. The club then broke into small groups to discuss member input as to what needs to be done to develop the action plan needed to take this task forward. The membership committee will meet next week to review member input and to begin the development of the action plan to be presented at the January Board meeting.

Any members with input on this issue, please contact Kelly or Kevin.

Note from your Webmaster: you may also email me at kmcarlson@mchsi and I will relay your input to Kelly or Kevin

Word for the day: Alacrious. Brisk, lively, active.

Submitted: Kelly Moore

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The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 25 Members in attendance.

Guests: Pat Shey, Pam Landon (~ soon to be new member), Ann Rhodes, wife of Mel Rhodes

Birthdays: Kevin McCarville

Anniversaries: Rod Thorpe - 12/7/99

Announcements: 1. Chuck Wehage has asked for a brief board Meeting immediately after meeting.

2. December 20th - Meeting at Witwer Sr. Center with Xavier Choir performing.

3. Sandy Batchelder Belling Ringing at Wal Mart Blairs Ferry Rd. December 8th from 8 AM to 8 PM. If you want to volunteer, review list and call workers to help out.

4. Next week - Induction of new members, Pam Landon and Jody Nolte

5. December 20th meeting will be held at the Witwer Center, with a concert by the Xavier Choir.

Happy Bucks: James Platt - for Jim Doyne; Dick Boardman - also for Jim Doyne; Jim Doyne for all the comments; John Anderson, still alive; John Schweitzer - advertisement for New Horizon Band Concert at Sinclair Auditorium, Coe College (free), Don Grimm - son is

leaving aviation (Lockheed) and going to AMD Semiconductors.

Next week's program: Daniel Kleinknecht, Music Director, Cedar Rapids Opera Theater.

Speaker: Our guest speaker, Pat Shey was introduced by Dr. David Graeff. Mr. Shey is a member of our new City Council. He talked about the City Council workings and shared his observations.

There are nine people on the new Council: three at large of which he is one, five from districts and the Mayor. Their biggest task was to find a City Manager and it took longer than they anticipated. They are pleased with the results and they feel he is a strong manager.

Mr. Shey was elected to the Council and said that it is similar to serving on a board of directors. He feels that this role is to look at the big picture and plan policy and goals for next 5 to 10 years. This is not to micro-manage day to day issues but to set goals and policies. Each of the Council Members have different interests and strengths which brings balance to the Council.

Next week will be a tough one with Departmental Budget Meetings. They will ask the tough questions and challenge proposed actions. The budget must be certified by March 15th. Issues anticipated are: funding for the helicopter; disbursement of Hotel/Motel Tax; Health Care budget which has increased 35% over last year for the 1400 city employees.

In addition, the City Manager is in the process of reorganizing the 34 departments to 6 departments temporarily. A task force has been assigned to help using Lean Principles.

Word for the day: Exemption from punishment or penalty

Submitted: Charlene Boardman

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December 13, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Wehage. 28 Members in attendance.

[Guests](#): None

[Birthdays](#): None

[Anniversaries](#): None

[Announcements](#): 1. Meeting next week at Witwer Center in downtown Cedar Rapids.

2. Joe Nolte, Jody Nolte and Kelly Allen led (and I use that term loosely) us in rendition of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer that was a lot of fun.

3. Pam Landon and Jody Nolte were installed as new members. Two great new additions to the club roster

[Happy Bucks](#): Happy Bucks: Ron Sundermann knows Pam Landon's husband Wes and spoke highly of him, John Anderson loved the Rudolph song so much he told a terrible joke, Kevin McCarville praised Pam Landon's abilities as a CPA, Joe Nolte was happy to have Jody Nolte join the club, Paul Anderson enjoyed seeing the New Horizons Band play with John Schweitzer as a member of the band, John Schweitzer said it was fun time, and Dick Boardman

gave a buck in honor of Pam and Jody joining the club.

Next week's program: Upcoming Programs: Witwer Center on the 20th. Janet Blackledge holding a club reception on January 3, 2006 at her home as Elmcrest will be closed

Speaker: Bob Hatala, a member of the Opera Board, introduced Daniel Kleinknecht, the director of the Cedar Rapids Opera. Daniel spoke of how an opera helps a community stand out as being extraordinary which as a part of a vital arts program helps a community grow. In January the company will perform the Rossini's Barber of Seville on the 12th and 14th. The company also offers a summer program, this year staging Donizetti's Elixir of Love and Stephen Sondheim's Into the Woods. All performances include English surtitles (projected above the stage) will be displayed to make the experience more enjoyable for all. The Opera has a growing endowment to better secure the future of Opera in Cedar Rapids.

Tickets can be purchased at the Theatre Cedar Rapids box office and he thought they were \$35 and \$50 per ticket. You can visit the Opera company's web site at www.cr-opera.org

Word for the day: Insouciance – Carelessness, indifference, unconcern. No one defined it at the meeting.

Submitted: Doug Dix

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